

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

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Krishak Mitra

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of farmers friend/ Krishak Mitra identified and associated with expansion of agriculture in the country including Madhya Pradesh;

(b) whether the Government has any provision to increase funds/budget for imparting training to "Krishak Mitra" in the country, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of specific works done by the Government for training of Krishak Mitra?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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(a): The Scheme 'Support to State Extension Programmes for Extension Reforms(ATMA),' a component of Centrally Sponsored Scheme "Sub-Mission on Agriculture Extension (SMAE)" under "National Mission on Agricultural Extension and Technology (NMAET)" is under implementation in 652 districts of 29 states & 3 UTs of the country including 51 districts of Madhya Pradesh. 125333 Farmer Friends (FF) including 23275 FF in Madhya Pradesh have been identified in the States and associated with expansion of agriculture in the country. The State-wise details of Farmer Friends (FF) identified under the Scheme including Madhya Pradesh is given in Annexure-1.

(b) & (c): The State Governments depute Farmer Friends for training & Exposure visits as per ATMA Scheme provisions. Para-2.10(ii) of ATMA Scheme Guidelines provides that Farmer Friend (FF) would be provided with special opportunity for upgradation of skills through Trainings, Study Tours and visits to State Agricultural Universities/other Institutes by utilizing support available under the Scheme. The cost norm prescribed in the ATMA Cafeteria, 2014 for Inter-State Training of Farmers is Rs.1250/- per farmer per day and for Inter-State Exposure Visit of Farmers is Rs.800/- per farmer per day.